

REMARKS

The Examiner of the Official Action rejected to claims 16 and 27 as being in improper form for failing to further limit the independent claims. By this amendment, applicants have cancelled claims 16 and 27. Claims 18 and 29 have been amended to provided appropriate dependency and claim 18 has been further amended to correct the typographical error.

The Examiner in the Official Action indicated that claims 17, 18, 21, 22, 28, 29, 32 and 33 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

By this amendment, applicants have amended claims 12 to include the limitation of claim 17 and independent claim 23 has been amended to include the limitation of claim 28.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that the claims in their present form are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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In the Claims:

12.(Once Amended) A limited edition stamp comprising:
a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a
limited edition;
a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing
conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition
stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

18.(Once Amended) A limited edition stamp according to claim
17-12 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen when
viewed under UV or infrared light.

23.(Once Amended) A sheet of limited edition stamps, each
stamp comprising:

a first indicia identifying said limited edition stamps as being a
limited edition;
a second indicia which is not visible under normal viewing
conditions for confirming that said limited edition stamp is a valid limited edition
stamp, said second indicia is not capable of being scanned for reproduction.

29.(Twice Amended) A sheet of limited edition stamps according
to claim 28-23 wherein said second indicia is made using an ink that can be seen
when viewed under UV or infrared light.

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